



# **Bitterroot National Forest**

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### **"Some Forest Recreation Sites open May 1"**

Hamilton, Montana, May 1, 2008— The heavy snow pack and recent cold weather has delayed opening of many trailheads, roads and campgrounds across the Bitterroot National Forest. Sites that are higher in elevation such as most campgrounds up the West Fork and Martin Creek up the East Fork remain closed by snow. Nez Perce Pass snowtel site is recording upwards of 50 inches of snow, and the Nez Perce road is open only to Little West Fork at this time.

However, there are several sites that are free of snow and will be open for use. As of May 1<sup>st</sup> Charles Waters Campground, Blodgett Campground, Lake Como day use, Rock Creek Horse Camp, Upper and Lower Como Campgrounds, Alta Campground and Spring Gulch Campground are open. Both Painted Rocks Lake and Lake Como are now free of ice.

The public is encouraged to call the Ranger Stations before heading out in the woods to find out if particular areas are free of snow or not.

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